

Planning a digital project: successes

Digital Civil War: *Commemorating the Sesquicentennial*

<http://www.nccivilwar150.com/history/digital-resources.htm>

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- Phases
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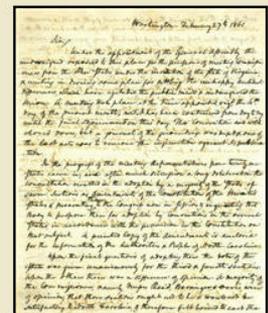
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Featured resource:



Letter: North Carolina General Assembly representatives to the Peace Conference to Governor Ellis, Feb. 27, 1861. [View item.](#)

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- Collaboration
 - Archives: Letters, diaries, CW150 blog
 - Library: Books, timemap
 - Cultural Resources Civil War 150 Committee: Web site in place

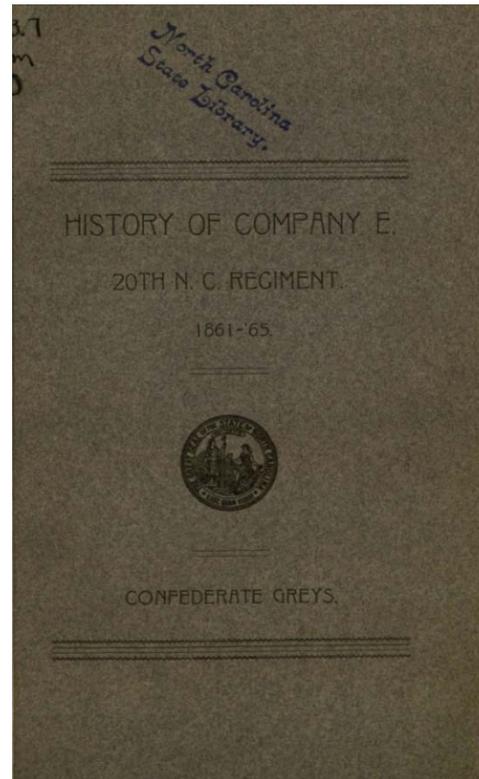


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- Phases = Pacing ourselves

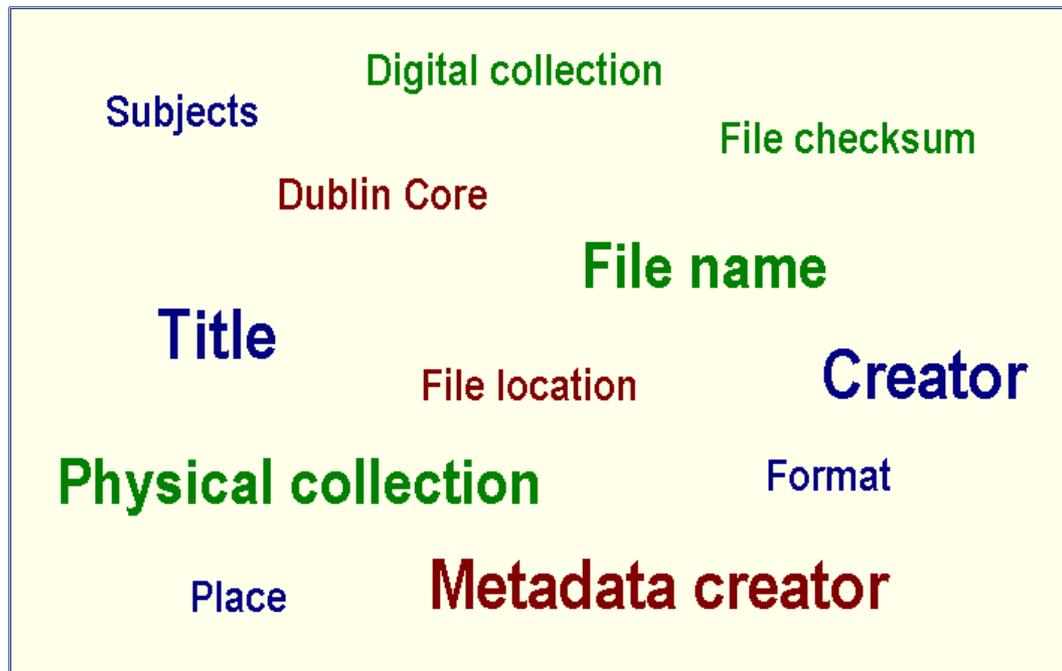
Step 1:
Digitizing the “low
hanging fruit”



The image shows a handwritten letter on aged paper. The date at the top is "George Washington to Oct 12 1855". The letter is addressed to "Dear Father, Mother, Brothers & Sisters & Aunt you all". The handwriting is in cursive and the ink is dark. The text discusses the author's feelings about leaving home and the uncertainty of the future during the Civil War era. The paper shows signs of age, including some staining and discoloration.

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- Step 2: Metadata planning and creation



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- Step 3: Determine navigation options
 - search options
 - browse topics

Search digitized primary resources & publications

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all of the words

any of the words

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Letter: Arthur P. Putnam to Larkin S. Kendrick, Sept. 20, 1864. [View item.](#)

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- Access points for different users

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■ Step 4: "Timemap" development

North Carolina Civil War Soldiers: Follow them through the conflict

Skip to a particular soldier:

Duncan Barnhill (1862-65) Albert Blair (1864) Robert Blair (1861-63) Henry Bowen (1864-65) George Cunningham (1861-62) John Cunningham (1861-62)

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Larkin Kendrick May 14, 1862 Lawson Hamill May 31, 1862

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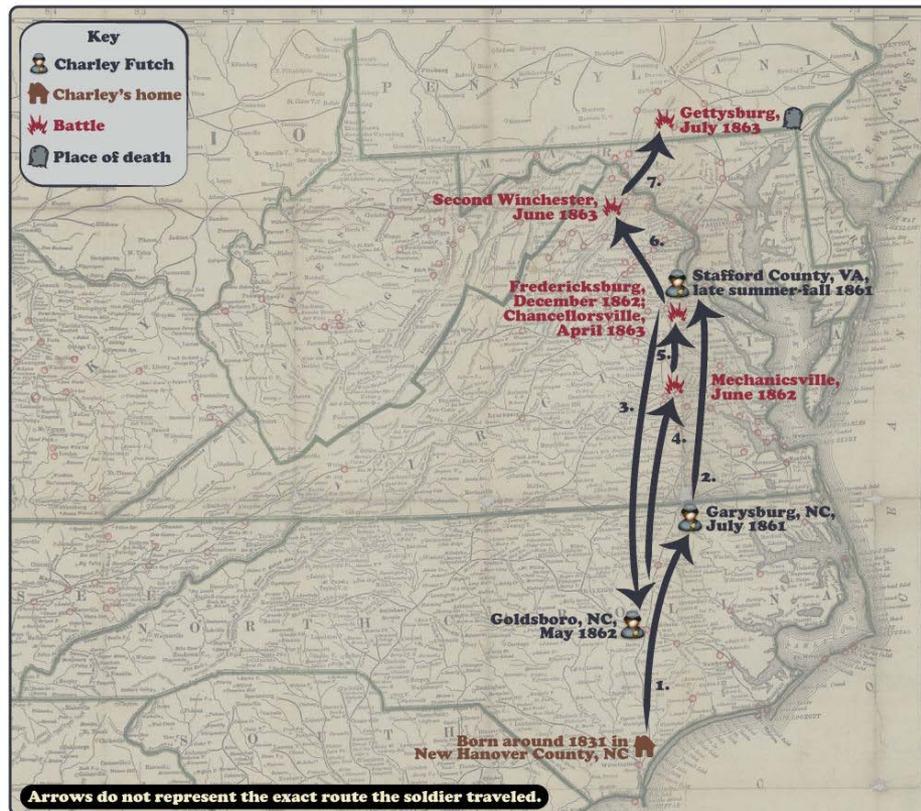
Charles Futch Jul 14, 1862

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- Individual soldier's letters paths



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- Promotion
 - Tied into existing sites to increase visibility

The image shows two overlapping website screenshots. The background is the 'North Carolina Civil War Sesquicentennial' website, featuring a navigation menu (HOME, MISSION, COMMITTEE, THEMES, TIMELINE, HISTORY, EDUCATION, EVENTS, MAPS, MONUMENTS) and a banner for 'Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War in North Carolina, 2011-2015'. The foreground is the 'North Carolina Digital Collections' website, which has a search bar and a 'Popular Collections' section with icons for 'Archives' Treasures', 'Black Mountain College', 'NC Family Records', 'Civil War 150', 'Raleigh History', and 'Swimming Current'. A 'Featured' section displays a map of the Eastern United States with location pins. The right side of the foreground shows a search results page for 'Civil War 150' with a search bar and a calendar for September.

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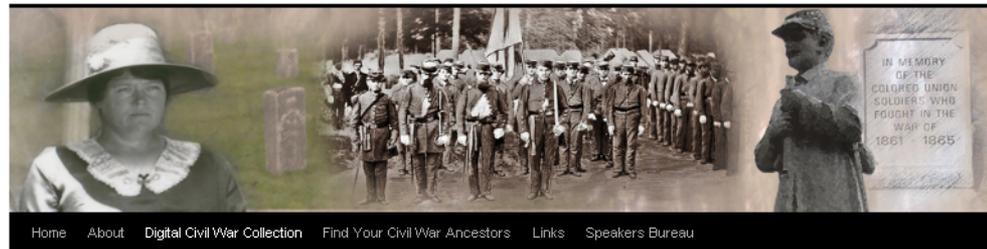
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- NC State Archives' Civil War 150 blog
- Access page with menu link
- Regular blog posts about items in the collection

North Carolina Civil War 150

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- Social media
 - Twitter posts with links! #cw150
 - NCpedia
 - Webarchivist
 - Facebook
 - Government & Heritage Library: facebook.com/ncghl
 - NC Archives & Records Section:
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- Step 6: Future
 - New content
 - New browse terms
 - New search options



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